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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: AN OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE AND A METHOD FOR PROVIDING AN OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-72 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

73. An optical waveguide for outputting light of a substantially single predetermined wavelength, the optical waveguide comprising a light conducting medium (2) defining a longitudinally extending optical path (15) for guiding the light, the optical path (15) extending longitudinally between respective spaced apart first and second ends (8,9), and a means (20,21) for causing partial longitudinal reflections of the light along the optical path (15) at at least two spaced apart partial reflecting locations (20) along the optical path (15) for deriving light of the